



Outreach Notice



DETAIL OPPORTUNITY

USDA FOREST SERVICE
INTERMOUNTAIN REGION, R4
BOISE NATIONAL FOREST – LOWMAN RANGER DISTRICT



The Lowman Ranger District of the Boise National Forest will be filling a 120-day detail opportunity for a GS-401-09 Natural Resource Specialist in recreation. This position is located in Lowman, Idaho and the primary duties are to oversee the district's recreation and trails program contributing to the success of the North Zone recreation program.

Government housing is available in Lowman. Effective date would be approximately September 7, 2014.

POSITION INFORMATION

This position is responsible for managing the recreation and trails program on the district and is supervised by the North Zone Recreation Program Lead in Cascade.

Duties:

Conducts surveys and studies of existing dispersed and developed recreation facilities and their present use and demand. Based on studies of recreation areas and activities, recommends potential sites or areas for additional recreation use and planned development with suggested priorities for development. Develops, plans, and monitors new construction of recreation trails, parking areas, trailhead facilities, campgrounds, picnic areas, parking areas, and access roads in consultation with other resource personnel.

Implements recreation plan objectives and inspects the full range of recreation uses, administration of special authorization for concessionaire operations. Develops plans for potential sites or areas for additional recreation use and planned development.

Gathers relevant information and project cost for recreation facilities, maintenance, and operation. Develops source documents for managing and carrying out management plans.

Participates in the development, administration, and execution of annual work plans for recreation resources in compliance with agency guidelines and direction. Processes special use applications including on-the-ground investigations of site suitability, preparation of associated environmental assessment reports, and special use permits in final form for the supervisor's review.

Develops environmental documents including impact of statements concerning proposed recreational sites, wilderness, trails, or Off Highway Vehicles (OHV) programs on other resources.

Uses INFRA, NRUM, MM, and other databases to maintain unit information in order to monitor recreation resources program activities. Communicates program information to the public regarding the agencies management practices, rules, and regulations relating to OHV areas. Works with local law enforcement agencies to ensure compliance with OHV operations with federal laws, reporting all known violations of law or regulations. Ensures the development and modification of operating plans for OHV areas.

Supervision Less than 35%

Provides technical and administrative supervision to subordinate employees. Plans work to be accomplished, sets and adjusts short-term priorities and prepares schedules for completion of work. Assigns work based on priorities, selective consideration of the difficulty and requirements of assignments, and the capabilities of employees. Evaluates work performance. Gives advice, counsel or instruction to employees on both work and administrative matters. Hears and resolves minor complaints from employees. Refers group grievances and more serious unresolved complaints to a higher level supervisor or manager. Interviews candidates for employment; recommends or selects for temporary positions. Finds ways to improve production or increase the quality of work directed.

Provides leadership, allocates resources, and implements activities to accomplish Forest Service multicultural organization direction and Equal Opportunity and Civil Rights requirements, goals, policies, and objectives. Supports and participates in the Work Environment Continuous Improvement process. Ensures all communication - written, oral, visual, signed - is non-discriminatory and sensitive to all employees and publics. Creates a work environment which respects, appreciates, and accepts contributions and perspectives of all employees.

Provides specific program input into the overall natural resources management planning process. Coordinates with other natural resource disciplines ensuring program requirements are included in the project planning and execution. Develops and monitors a portion of the annual program plan of work. Specific portions of the annual program plan of work include

recreation, lands, trails, special uses and minerals activities. Participates in the preparation and monitoring of the annual operating plans budget preparation.

Gathers, compiles, and analyzes data needed to determine proposed resource management activities. Coordinates and implements approved resource management plans for the natural resource projects. Responsible for compiling NEPA documents and implementing approved projects. Responsible for developing contract language for assigned projects. Responsible for administering mining special use permits and performs inspection activities of abandoned mine sites.

DUTY STATION INFORMATION

Lowman is a small mountain community that has grown up along 12 miles of the South Fork of the Payette River, on State Highway 21. Recreation opportunities abound. Depending on the season, you may camp, hike, horseback ride, bike, motorcycle, or ATV on beautiful trails; fish, hunt, cross-country ski, or snowmobile. The South Fork of the Payette River is considered one of the premier kayaking and rafting rivers in the country. After a hard day of work or play there are numerous hot springs to soak in. There are approximately 200 year round residents in the community and the summer population swells with visitors.

There may be government housing available with this opportunity, although it is limited in single family, commuter, and crew quarters. There are few private homes or mobile homes for sale or rent in the immediate vicinity, although there are numerous homes available in the nearby community of Garden Valley and Crouch, approximately 25 miles from the District office.

There is a one-room elementary school for grades K-6. Grades 7-12 ride a bus 24 miles to Garden Valley.

There is one church in Lowman, a non-denominational church that conducts Sunday services year round. There are also several community churches, a Catholic church, and an LDS church located in Garden Valley.

The Lowman Ambulance is staffed by local volunteer EMTs, and is available 24 hours a day. The closest medical clinic is located in Garden Valley, which is staffed with an MD. There is also a local volunteer fire department that serves the Lowman community.

Area Businesses:

There are several businesses located in Lowman that provide the following services: 3 motels, 3 café/restaurants, 2 gas stations.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Anyone interested in additional information and/or has questions regarding the position may contact: Ronda Bishop (North Zone Recreation Program Lead) at 208.382.7460 or by email: rmbishop@fs.fed.us.

If you are interested in applying for this position, **please return your completed Outreach Response Form by 4:30 pm mst. August 18 , 2014.**

OUTREACH RESPONSE FORM

GS-0401-09, Natural Resource Specialist (Recreation/Trails)

Please complete this Outreach Response form, and a current resume, and email to **Ronda Bishop** at rmbishop@fs.fed.us by 4:30 pm mst. On August 18, 2014.

Name: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Work, Home or Mobile?

Employer: FS Unit _____ Other _____

Location: _____

Tour: Permanent ____ Temporary ____ Student/Intern ____ Contractor ____ Other ____

Current Position Title: _____

Series/grade if Federal Employee: _____

How did you hear about this position? _____

Agency Contact _____ Other _____

If not a current permanent employee, are you eligible to be hired under any of the following special authorities?

_____ Schedule A (Person with Disability)	_____ Pathways Program (Students and
_____ Veterans Recruitment Act	Recent Graduates)
_____ Veterans Employment Opportunities	_____ Other
_____ Act Of 1998	(explain) _____
_____ Former Peace Corps Volunteer	

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